

## Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel

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### John Blair

(Died February 5, 2016)

John "Jack" Blair passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Friday February 5, 2016 at his home in Aberdeen.

A memorial service will be 1:30 P.M. Wednesday February 10, 2016 at Zion Lutheran Church in Andover, Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Inurnment will be at the Groton Union Cemetery at a later date.

John Edwin "Jack" Blair was born January 28, 1929 in Webster, South Dakota to William Earnest and Calveretta (Thomas) Blair. He was raised on the family farm in Groton Township. Jack attended grade school at the Groton Township School and two years of high school at Groton, South Dakota.



Jack was a dairy and small grain farmer his whole life except for the four years he served our country in the United States Air force. He enlisted on September 7, 1950 and served until September of 1954. Jack served overseas on Okinawa during the Korean Conflict. At the time of his discharge he was an Airman 1st Class. After his honorable discharge, he returned to the family farm and met his future wife.

On September 29, 1956 he married Adeline Kroll. To this union six children were born. In 1958, the family moved to a farm near Andover, South Dakota where they resided until just recently when the couple moved to Aberdeen.

Jack was a 60 year member of the American Legion. He greatly enjoyed farming and long Sunday drives with Adeline "checking the crops" clear up into North Dakota! He was a handyman who could fix anything. The family attended the State Fair annually, to which he thoroughly enjoyed, but above all he loved his family dearly and cherished every minute he spent with them.

He will be forever loved and sadly missed by his wife Adeline of Aberdeen, SD, three sons, Charles Blair, Jerry (Tina) Blair, and Donald (Brenda) Blair all of Aberdeen, SD, two daughters, Linda Graham of Mansfield, SD and Amy (Ray) Salwei of Mina, SD. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, Rachel, Michael, Melody, James, Shelby, Daniel, Santanna, Tabitha, Emily, Johonna, and three great-grandchildren, Gavin, Avalynn, and Jonathan. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son Robert, one granddaughter Grace, one brother James, and two infant sisters.

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